

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of producing packed tofu comprising applying an aqueous ethanol solution or an aqueous solution containing at least one of a magnesium salt and a calcium salt to the inside of a container, filling the container with soybean milk, sealing the container, and heating the sealed container to coagulate the soybean milk.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous ethanol solution has a concentration of 0.5% by weight or higher.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous solution is natural water containing magnesium ions or calcium ions or both.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous solution is sea water from a deep layer.

5. The method according to claim 1, which further comprises giving impact from the outside of the container to the sealed container having tofu packed therein after heat coagulation.

6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said impact is slapping the container or dropping the container.

7. A method of producing packed tofu which comprises filling a container with soybean milk, sealing the container, heating the sealed container to coagulate the soybean milk, and dropping the container.

8. An apparatus for dropping a package of packed tofu, which comprises a dropping section composed of a transfer plate which is to be loaded with a package of packed tofu and a driving unit for rotating said transfer plate and a receiving section composed of a receiving unit which receives the fallen packed tofu and an unloading unit which sends the packed tofu to the subsequent step.